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Minutes 12/21/2005

Capital Planning Committee Meeting Minutes December 21, 2005

In attendance were:

Rob Addelson
 Steve Andrew *
 Fred Fantini
 John FitzMaurice
 Charles Foscett, Chairman
 Nancy Galkowski
 Ruth Lewis
 Anthony Lionetta
 Barbara Thornton *

* Denotes those not in attendance.

1. **Acceptance of Minutes:** Charlie Foscett called the meeting to order. Minutes of the last meeting were reviewed and accepted. Copies of the draft plan, budget and debt service schedule were distributed to CPC members.
2. **Planning Requests:** Sub-Committee has asked for an updated five year Operational Plan for properties management by the Planning Department. This is expected to be received by the end of the year. Relative to requests, the Gibbs' boiler replacement and Mass Avenue design were not recommended for funding by the Subcommittee. (The Gibbs' Boiler may be added into a future year at a later date and; it is anticipated that the cost of the Mass Ave design will be fundable under the Earmarked Project funds.) The cost of two items (the Town Garden Wall Repair & the Gibbs School Entrance Improvements) will be shared between the Capital Plan and CDBG funds. Other items are covered by enterprise funds.
3. **Recreation Requests:** The Sub-Committee reported on Recreation requests. The most notable item is the \$1.2 million plus request for the replacement of the rink floor in FY 08. This expense is, at least in part, related to the State process in which the Town had to bid on the rink. While most rink expenses are fundable, under the Enterprise fund, this particular item maybe too much for the fund to carry. The Subcommittee asked the Recreation Department for a copy of the Financial Plan that was submitted to the State as part of the Town's bid for the rink, as well as an 8 Year Capital Plan for the rink (5 years beyond FY 08) Also, the Sub-Committee asked that a professional estimate be done to confirm the cost of the floor replacement. The Committee feels that this estimate is high. Recreation agreed and has funds available to do this costing. The Sub-Committee also noted the cost of the zamboni (FY 2012) is higher than previously programmed given the new reg's that this vehicle to be electrically powered.
4. **Public Works Update:** Nancy Galkowski noted that John Sanchez reported that Chapter 90 funds will be higher this year and the amount for Road Reconstruction can be reduced to \$200k. Also, the fuel suppression upgrade can be postponed until next year.
5. **Board of Selectmen Requests:** The Subcommittee report on the request for voting booth replacement. Present booths are old and in poor repair, lack proper lighting and are not handicap accessible. The Subcommittee recommended support of this request.

6. Additional Information on Fire Equipment: John FitzMaurice reported on an additional conversation he had with the Chief on the Protective Gear request. This focused on discussion about having two suits for each firefighter. The Chief's approach is to have the new replacement suits be used as the primary and the older suits be used as back ups. The back-up would only be used in the case when there is an incident and the new suits need to be sent out for post incident cleaning. The CPC has to rely on the Chief's expertise in this matter.

7. Fire Station Update: There was discussion that the cost of Park Circle Station may still exceed the budget, even after its redesign. There was also a comment that some are asking for siting study for an alternative location for the Highland Station. Tony Lionetta noted concern that we are making decisions and spending funds on moving targets.

8. Capital Plan: The CPC, as a group, reviewed the Draft Capital Plan confirming requests and making adjustments based up current information. Nancy Galkowski and Charlie Foskett with make changes over the next day or so and email the update plan to the membership for review and comment.

9. Next Meeting: There is no next meeting scheduled at this time.

10. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned. HAPPY HOLIDAYS